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April 28, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: <u>MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA</u>

Wednesday, April 29, 1998 - 4:00 p.m. MAG Office, Suite 300 - Mesquite Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Regional Council Executive Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a legislative update and to consider a request by the City of Apache Junction to participate on MAG boards. If you have any questions, please contact me at 930-2260 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- 2. Approval of February 25 and April 9, 1998 Meeting Minutes.
- 3. <u>Legislative Update</u>

Information will be provided on HB 2564 Regional Transportation Administration which is proceeding in the legislature. This bill would remove the decision-making authority from MAG for the regional sales tax-funded freeway system. On April 21, 1998 this bill was included in a strike everything amendment to SB 1209. The strike everything amendment passed the House Transportation Committee 8-0-0-3. This bill awaits action on the Senate floor.

HB 2565 <u>State Highway</u>; <u>Funds</u>; <u>Sources</u>, diverts expected increases in the Arizona Department of Transportation's Intermodal

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- 2. Review and approve February 25 and April 9, 1998 meeting minutes.
- 3. For information, discussion and possible action.

Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and exchanges it for state Vehicle License Tax funds to provide for transit projects. Current MAG priorities for ADOT funds are to construct high occupancy vehicle lanes on I-17, U.S. 60 and SR 51. The current planning process for ISTEA funds is for MAG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization to work cooperatively with ADOT in programming STP funds. This bill has passed the House and is awaiting floor action in the Senate.

4. <u>Apache Junction Request for Representation on MAG Boards</u>

The City of Apache Junction is requesting MAG to consider extending formal representation to the City of Apache Junction to serve on MAG boards. They have offered to make a presentation to the Regional Council regarding this request. A portion of Apache Junction is in Maricopa County. Apache Junction is currently included in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program because it is part of the urbanized area. Please refer to the enclosed letter from Apache Junction.

4. For information, discussion and possible action.